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SPAN is happy to present, once more, its traditional April Fool Edition. We give our readers a friendly word of warning: Please don't believe anything you read in this issue.

REA PLANS TO MOVE 52 TIMES A YEAR TO SATISFY EVERYONE

NEW PLAN DESIGNED TO MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY BY TRANSFERRING REA TO DIFFERENT TOWN EACH WEEK; PENNSY RAILROAD PROVIDES FLAT CARS

REA BIRTHDAY BALL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

REA will be sixteen years old on May 11, 1951, and, as usual, the Athletic Association will sponsor a gala, stupendous, colossal and pretty big birthday ball.

This year the dinner and dance will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. The committee states that it tried to get a suitable location here but that Cleveland was the nearest place they could get. "It will be pretty tough for REAers who live in Virginia," the chairman said, "but we think that everyone can make it if he starts about half-past May 5th, eastern standard time."

The menu will featured stuffed hummingbird eyeballs en glace, un-collard greens, crumbly potatoes, horseradish salad with horseradish sauce, and chocolate ice-cream garnished with sardines. Stomach pump facilities will be available.

"We expect every red-blooded REAer to come to this shindig," the committee chairman announced, "and we want the Personnel people to come too."

REAers have marked a red circle around the 11 on their calendars and are hoping to forgot the whole darn thing, if at all possible.

CLARENCE WHITE NOTIFIED

Clarence White, of the Power Division, popularly known as Clarence White, was quite elated one day last week when he was told that he had been
(CONTINUED IN NEXT YEAR'S EDITION)

(Special To Span) -- The long-awaited news as to where REA will be decentralized was announced yesterday by the Administrator's Office. In the face of mounting sentiments to have REA transferred to almost every section of the United States, Administrator Wickard and his staff have arrived at an admirable solution.

"We have decided", Mr. Wickard told a dumfounded representative of SPAN "to load the whole kit and kaboodle of REA onto a series of railroad flat cars and box cars and take to the rails, like the Ringling Brothers Circus does every year. We will spend one week in each town, and in that way, we will satisfy everyone."

The news hit REA like a ton of feathers. Confusion was everywhere. Section heads immediately made reservations for lower berths, division heads arranged for roomettes, and Mr. Wickard has been given luxurious accommodations in the engineer's cab in the locomotive (electric.)

Some of the towns to be visited during the next year, arranged alphabetically but not necessarily, are Acid Stomach, Nevada; Broken Bottle, Ohio; Crushed Cantaloupe, Kentucky; Dirty Dig, Utah; Elbow Junction, Tennessee; Fric-assced Leftover, Wyoming; and so on down the line to Zippety Doodah, California.

John Asher will be head conductor and will punch all tickots. Children between the ages of 3 and 47 will ride half-fare. All others must submit a Form 57.

On a special man-in-the-street program, SPAN interviewed Mr. Walter Ettleman who claimed to be an employee of Auditing and Accounting. When asked to comment on the decentralization news, Mr. Ettleman said:

"I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate me."

YUP, THIS IS PAGE TWO. DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD STOMACH IT THIS FAR. READ ON & DESPAIR

GERTH COMES UP WITH IDEA TO SAVE
TIME ON THIRD FLOOR, THIRD WING

Arthur W. Gerth, who is known in the A&L Division as "Shhh, here he comes!" has evolved the following idea to save time and patience in the location of regional heads.

"We will use blackboards outside each office door," he said "instead of those little blue, printed signs. Then, when a region head is transferred, we will just erase his name and chalk in the new one."

Congratulations to you, Arthur Gerth. Although your suggestion was not used at this time, we are sending you a year's supply of tootsie rolls.

SEVERAL DIVISIONS SLOW IN CONTRIBUTING
TO BE-KIND-TO-SPAN WEEK

The campaign to raise something, anything, for the rehabilitation of SPAN has come to a dead halt. In fact, fund chairman Joe Schaezner has declared: "If contributions get any slower, we will go into reverse."

The committee will accept whatever generous REAers care to give: Crisp new one-dollar bills, dirty and wrinkled hundred-dollar bills, steamship tickets, yachts, Rolls Royces -- anything. Please give today. Please give tomorrow. And please stop bothering us about the whole thing.

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DO YOU SUFFER FROM FLAT FEET? ARE YOUR EYE-BROWS ON STRAIGHT? CAN YOU SEE YOUR SHOE-LACES? WELL, DONT BE SUCH A SHOW-OFF.

These are the standings (no kidding) for the bowling league as of March 30: Boilermakers, Eight Balls, Generators, Loan Wolves, Powerettes, Forty Niners, Tech Standards, Hi Lines, Air-Liners, Quin-Jets, Engineers, Managettes, Sixteen, Pin-Ups, Spinners, and Pick-ups.

IF YOU SEE IT IN SPAN -- -- HAH!!

SPAN SCOOPS

Clem Bray entered a song in the recent "Song For Washington" contest entitled "When The Sassafrass Curdles In The Good Old Summertime By The Shade of the Old Monument, I'll Be Staggering Home To You." Clem's entry was ruled out because it was too darn grammatical Shoulda seen Claire Sullivan's Easter chapeau. It was in the shape of a brick chimney. In fact it was a brick chimney. She wheeled it up Connecticut Ave. in a wheelbarrow. . . . Ask ha ha Paul Carroll to tell you ha ha the joke ha ha ha about ha ha about ha ha ha ha ha ha -- boy is it funny!

ATTENTION REA LADIES. DO NOT THROW YOUR USED GIRDLES AWAY. The Australian Embassy is conducting its annual "Save Rubber For Slingshots" campaign. Aim yours at the Embassy building and let go.

IF YOU THINK THIS ISSUE OF SPAN IS IN BAD TASTE, READ OUR REGUIAR STUFF

SAM'S COFFEE SHOP PIANS EXTENSIVE CHANGES

Sam's Coffee Shop, 12th and C St., SW, is in the midst of alterations. Most drastic change contemplated is that food will be served from now on.

McKILLOP REFUSES TO TESTIFY; COMMITTEE
DECIDING HIS FATE

I. Thomas McKillop, who refused this week to divulge what the "I" stands for, faced some kind of contempt charges brought by one of those television committees. "I will fight this right up to Channel Nine," he cried as he was dragged away.

POT-POURRI (mostly pot and not very pourri) -- Dave Adison has put on his shoes, now that he has a new adding machine Mary Payne has been elected chairlady of the Confederate Ladies Wednesday Morning Poker Club. . . . Corinne Sutton sold her car recently. The gopher under the hood got tired. . . .
NEXT WEEK: SPAN presents a daring expose of something or other (WOW!!)